



THE ANGLERS ASSISTANT

being an Epitomy of y^e Whole Art of Angling
Wherein is Shewn, at one View y^e Harbours,
Seasons & Depths for Catching all Sorts
of Fish usually Angled for.
Also the Various Baits for each, so digested
as to contain the Essence of all y^e Treatises
ever Wrote on the Subject, exempt from
their Superfluities which tend more
to perplex than Instruct.

Names	Where found.	Season	Time to Angle	Depth from Ground	Baits				Description of Proper Worms for Baits.
					Flies N ^o	Pastes N ^o	Worms N ^o	Fish & Insects N ^o	
Bream	Rough St. River or mill Pond	Apr. to Mich.	spring to autumn	Touch ground		1.3	1234567	N ^o 8	The Earth Bob found in sandy ground after plowing it is white bigger than a gentle with a Red Head.
Barbel	Gravel Bank in Cur. under Bridges	Apr. to Aug.	Very late	Touch ground		2	2.6.7		Another is found in stony ground with a Black or Blue head keep them in an Earthen pot covered well & a sufficient quantity of the Mould they harbour in. They are Excellent from April to November.
Bleak	Sandy bott. deep River Ship Sterns *	May to Oct.	all Day	6 fms. Bot.	1.2	2	2.3.8		
Carp	Salt deep Mud Bott. Pond or River	May to Aug.	rise 9:30 to 10:30	3 In. f. Bot. to 12 in. mid W.		1.3.4	1234.7		
Chub or Chevin	D ^o	May to Dec.	D ^o	D ^o	1.2.3.4.5.	2	1.2.4.5	7.8	2 Gentles to be had from putrid flesh let them lie in Wheat Bran a few days before use d.
Dace	Sandy bot. deep River Ship Sterns *	May to Oct.	all day	6 to 12 fms. Bot.	1.2.3.4.5.	3.4	1.2.3.4.5.8		3 Flag worms found in Roots of flags is Pale Yellow, longer & thinner than a Gentle must be scoured & like them.
Gudgeon	Gravel Shoals	May to Oct.	all day	near or on gr.		3.4	2.8		4 Cow Turd Bob or Clap Bait found under a low Turd from May to Mich. is like a Gentle but larger keep it in its Native Earth as the Earth Bob.
Pike	Near Clay Banks	all the Year	all day	Mid Water	with strong line float & Snap hook	Shore	1.2.3.4.5.6.7		5 Cadis Worm or Cod Bait found under loose Stones in shallow Rivers they are Yellow bigger than a Gentle with a black or Blue head in season from April to July keep them in flannel Bag.
Pearch	River in stream Gravel Pond deepst part Bottom	May to Aug. or Mich. to May	rise to 10:30 Mid. of day	Mid Water 6 fms. Bot.	2	1	3.5.7.8	1.6	6 Lob Worm found in gardens is very large having a Red head a streak downy Back and a flat broad Tail.
Pope	Deep holes in Rivers	May to Oct.	all day	6 fms. Botto	5.		all		7 Marsh Worms found in Marshy Ground keep it in Moss 10 days or more before you use it. Its colour is a bluish Red and is a good Bait from March to Mich.
Roach	Sandy bot. deep River Ship Sterns *	May to Oct.	all day	6 to 12 fms	1.2.4.5.	3.4.	all	8	8 Brandling Red Worms or Bloud Worms found in Rotten Dung hills and Tannery Bark is a small Red Worm very good for all small Fish it has sometimes a Yellow Tail and is called Tag Tail.
Salmon	Deep Rivers	Mar. to Sep.	6 to 9 & 3 to 6	Mid W. to Bot.	all large		1.5.6.7	1	N.B. Artificial Flies resembling the Natural may be had at the Shops where Fishing Tackle is sold. Also most Sorts of Worms ready scoured and fit for Use. And they will direct what Tackle is proper for each Sort of Fishing.
Smelts	Ship Sterns & Docks	Apr. to Oct.	all day	Mid W. to Bot. Variable	all small		1.2.5	bits of Smelts	Sold by M. Shepp under the Royal Exchange in Cornhill.
Trout	Purling St. & Eddies of stony Bot. River	Mar. to Mich.	all day	old W. 6 fms. Bot. to 12 fms. mid W.	1.2.3.4.5.		1.2.5.6.7.8	1.8	
Tench	Mud Bot. River or Pond	all the Year	sun rise to 9:30 to sun set	old W. 3 fms. Bot. to 12 fms. mid W.		1.3.4	1.3.4.5.6.7		
Umber or Grayling	Clay Bot. Swift stream	all the Year	all day	6 to 12 fms. Bot. to 12 fms. mid W.	1.2.3.4.5.		1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8	1.8	
* To Fish at Sterns, let the Bait sink 2 or 3 Yards, in this a Pater-noster line is commonly used that is 5 or 6 hooks on a line about 4 or 5 Inch. distance, Bait as above.									
Fish & Insects		Pastes			Flies				
1 Mimmon	2 Take the Blood of Sheeps Heart mix it with Honey & Flower work d to a proper consistency.	3 Stone Fly found under hollow Stones at the side of Rivers is of a brown Colour with Yellow streaks on the Back and Belly has large Wings in season from April to July.			2 Green Drake found among Stones by Rivers side has a Yellow Body Ribb'd with Green is long and slender his Wings like a Butter flies his Tail turns on his back from May to Midsum. is very good.			N.B. Artificial Flies resembling the Natural may be had at the Shops where Fishing Tackle is sold. Also most Sorts of Worms ready scoured and fit for Use. And they will direct what Tackle is proper for each Sort of Fishing.	
2 Gudgeon	2 Take Old Cheese Grated a little Butter sufficient to work it, Colour it w th Yaffron if in Winter use Rusty Bacon instead of Butter	3 Crumbs of Bread Chen'd or Work'd with Honey (or sugar) moisten it with Gum Ivy Water			3 Oak Fly found in the Body of an Old Oak, or Ash with its head down wards is of a Brown Colour excellent from May to Sept. for Trout put a Cod Bait or Gentle on the point & let it sink a few Inches in Clear Water			Sold by M. Shepp under the Royal Exchange in Cornhill.	
3 Noach	4 Bread Chen'd and Work'd in y ^e hand till stiff.	4 Palmer Fly or Worm found on leaves of Plants commonly is called a salt-spiller n ^o 2 comes w th fly is excellent for Trout			5 Ant Fly found in the hills from June to Septem.			Pr. 6	